WHEREAS a Commiſſion under the Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at *Weſtminſter* the Three and Twentieth day of *Auguſt* now laſt paſt, hath been directed unto Me, and divers others in the ſaid Commiſſion nominated, Authorizing the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Four or more of them, by ſuch Ways and Means as therein is directed, to enquire within the City and Dioceſs of *Canterbury* in the County of *Kent*, as well within Liberties as without, for the due Execution of the Statute made in the Three and Fortieth year of the Raign of our late Sovereign Lady Queen *Elizabeth*, what Lands, Tenements, Rents, Annuities, Profits, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, Money, and Stocks of Money, have been heretofore given by any well-diſpoſed Perſon or Perſons for Relief of Aged, Impotent, and Poor People, Maintenance of Sick and Maimed Soldiers and Mariners, Schools of Learning, Free-Schools, and Scholars of Univerſities, Repair of Bridges, Ports, Havens, Cauſeways, Churches, Sea-Banks, and High-ways, for Education and Preferment of Orphans, for or towards the Relief, Stock or Maintenance for Houſes of Correction, Marriage of Poor Maids, Supportation, Aid and Help of young Tradeſmen, Handycrafts-men, and Perſons decayed, Releaſe and Redemption of Captives, Aid or Eaſe of any Poor Inhabitants, concerning Payment of Fifteens, Setting out of Soldiers, and other Taxes, and of the Abuſes, Breaches of Truſt, Negligences, Miſimployment, not Imploying, Concealing, Defrauding, Miſconverting and Miſgoverning of the ſame Lands, Tenements, Stocks of Money, and other Things given to any of the Charitable Uſes aforeſaid, and to ſet down ſuch Orders, Judgments and Decrees, as that the ſame Lands, Tenements, Money, and other things may be duly imployed to and for ſuch of the Charitable Uſes aforeſaid for which they were given, limited or appointed by the Donors and Founders thereof:

Theſe are therefore to Will and Require you, the next Lords Day after the receipt of this Order, in your Pariſh-Church after the *Nicene* Creed, publickly to Read the ſame; to the end that all Perſons may know it, and have the benefit thereof. And that all due Proceedings may be had for Recovery and Settlement for the future of ſuch Charitable Uſes as have been miſconverted and miſimployed, I have appointed *Tho. Bourchier* Doctor of Laws, our Commiſſary of *Canterbury*, *George Thorpe* Doctor in Divinity, one of the Prebendaries of *Canterbury*, and *William Man* Eſquire, or any one of them, to receive all ſuch Complaints as ſhall be made. And that all Perſons concerned may come fully prepared, they are to produce to the Perſons aboveſaid, or ſome one of them, all ſuch Wills, Charters, Evidences, and other Writings, whereby the reſpective Charities were given, limited and appointed, who will then give them ſuch further direction as ſhall be neceſſary for the due Proſecution of ſuch Complaints. Given under my Hand this fourth day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord 1683.

W. Cant.